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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for transportation by the Department of Defense of certain children requiring specialized medical services in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3 (legislative day, MARCH 27), 1995

Mr. Akaka (for himself and Mr. Inouye) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN CHILDREN
- 4 WITH DISABILITIES.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 157 of title 10, United
- 6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
- 7 ing new section:

| 1 | "§ 2643. Certain disabled children in Pacific Rim re- |
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| 2 | gion: transportation to Hawaii for medi- |
| 3 | cal care |
| 4 | "(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (c), the Sec- |
| 5 | retary of Defense may provide persons described in sub- |
| 6 | section (b) with round-trip transportation on a space- |
| 7 | available basis from an airport in a country or other entity |
| 8 | in the Pacific Rim region to the State of Hawaii. Such |
| 9 | transportation shall be provided without charge. |
| 10 | "(b) Persons Covered.—Persons eligible to be pro- |
| 11 | vided transportation under this section are— |
| 12 | "(1) minor children residing in the Pacific Rim |
| 13 | region who (A) have been admitted for necessary |
| 14 | medical treatment at a medical facility in Honolulu, |
| 15 | Hawaii, that specializes in the care of crippled chil- |
| 16 | dren at no cost to the patient, but (B) are unable |
| 17 | to afford the costs of transportation to Hawaii; and |
| 18 | "(2) in the case of any such child, one adult at- |
| 19 | tendant. |
| 20 | "(c) Conditions.—The Secretary may provide |
| 21 | transportation under subsection (a) in any case only if the |
| 22 | Secretary determines that— |
| 23 | "(1) the provision of that transportation is not |
| 24 | inconsistent with the foreign policy of the United |
| 25 | States: |

| 1 | "(2) the child to be provided the transportation |
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| 2 | is in condition of health adequate for safe travel; |
| 3 | "(3) the transportation is for humanitarian |
| 4 | purposes; and |
| 5 | "(4) adequate arrangements have been made |
| 6 | with sending and receiving entities before the provi- |
| 7 | sion of such transportation at the location of depar- |
| 8 | ture and arrival.". |
| 9 | (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections |
| 10 | at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding |
| 11 | at the end the following new item: |
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 $\lq\lq 2643.$ Certain disabled children in Pacific Rim region: transportation to Hawaii for medical care. $\lq\lq$.